

## Amy Lacy

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All movements start somewhere, and, in this case, it started with a survey question, "Would you be in favor of your property being in a Conservation District?"

As things have evolved, property owners have gotten more information to formulate an opinion on the initial question around a "Conservation District." As part of the process, the state statute that governs the creation of a "Conservation District" was shared on the town's website and provided the roadmap for communities to use. For me, the issue becomes the breadth of options within the state statute that *could* be implemented now and in the future. Even though some Town Council members have stated they would never allow certain things to be included, property owners have no idea what the future will look like with future appointees to the "Commission" or elected Town Council members who could be more restrictive.

If Zoning can control scale through their new "Form-Based" zoning ordinance, and the Town Council decided to put a "stand-alone" ordinance in place to control teardowns, the two things the proponents of creating a "Conservation District" speak publicly about would be addressed," Mega Mansions" and "Tear-Downs" of historic homes.

Unfortunately, that is not all this is about. When you talk one-on-one with those in the village that would like a "Conservation District", the thing they talk about is "architectural control" of the homes being built. They provide examples of homes they don't like, and say they want to control what is built next to them. Some say they love the diversity of homes in the village but not when the home is more modern and less traditional. They truly want to "legislate taste" in the village and I do not think they have the right to do that.

I am **NOT in favor of this ordinance** today. I would like the new "Form-Based" zoning ordinance process completed before there is a vote on creating a "Commission." As a resident of the village for 23 years and a former SullivanMunce Cultural Center Foundation Board President I would like to save "truly" historical homes and like the option Wayne DeLong suggested at the 4/18 town council meeting around a stand-alone ordinance to "stay" tear downs until reviewed.

I would ask that we...

- MANAGE SCALE THROUGH ZONING
- CONTROL TEAR DOWNS THROUGH A STAND ALONE ORDINANCE
- **DO NOT** CREATE A COMMISSION TO CONTROL PROPERTY OWNERS RIGHT TO DESIGN

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